

At a SESSION of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND, begun and held at the CITY of ANNAPOLIS, on Monday, the 5th of November, in the year of our Lord 1804, and ended the 20th day of January, 1805, the following laws were enacted.

ROBERT BOWIE, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR.

C H A P. I.

An ACT to settle and ascertain the salary of the members of the council for the ensuing year. Passed January 5, 1805.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That each member of the council shall be entitled to receive, for the ensuing year, the sum of two hundred pounds current money for his salary. Salary ascertained.

C H A P. II.

An ACT for the relief of James Gantt, an insolvent debtor, of Prince-George's county. Passed January 5, 1805.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of James Gantt, of Prince-George's county, that he has been for sometime, and now is, confined in the gaol of Prince-George's county, for debts he is unable to pay: And whereas the said James Gantt, during his confinement, has been, and still is, in a very lingering state, and very infirm, and it appears reasonable that a special act of insolvency should be passed in his favour; therefore, Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That on the said James Gantt's application to the chancellor, by petition in writing, on or before the fifth day of August next, offering to deliver up to the use of his creditors all his property, real, personal and mixed, (except his wearing apparel, and bedding of himself and family,) to which he is in any way entitled, a schedule whereof, on oath or affirmation, together with a list of his creditors, on oath or affirmation, as far as he can ascertain them, shall be annexed to such petition, the chancellor shall administer to the said James Gantt the following oath, or affirmation, to wit: "I, James Gantt, do swear, or affirm, that I will deliver up, convey or transfer, to my creditors, in such manner as the chancellor shall direct, all my property that I have or claim any title to, or interest in, at this time, and all debts, rights and claims, which I have, or am any way entitled to, in possession, remainder or reversion, and that I have not, directly or indirectly, at any time sold, conveyed, lessened or disposed of, for the use of any person or persons, or intrusted, any part of my money or other property, debts, rights or claims, to any person or persons, thereby to defraud my creditors, or any of them, or to secure the same to receive or expect any profit, benefit or advantage thereby;" and the chancellor shall thereupon appoint such person as trustee as he may think proper, and the trustee so to be appointed shall, before he proceeds to act, give bond to such person, in trust for the use of the creditors of the said James Gantt, and in such penalty as the said chancellor shall direct, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the trust, which bond shall be filed in the chancery-office, and a copy thereof certified under the hand of the register thereof, shall be good evidence in any court of law or equity in this state; and if any trustee appointed by virtue of this act shall refuse to act, or die, or neglect to give bond as aforesaid in a reasonable time, to be adjudged of by the chancellor, he shall appoint such person as he may think proper in his place, who shall give bond as aforesaid, and on giving such bond, (in case the said James Gantt had conveyed his property to the former trustee,) he shall be On application, chancellor to appoint a trustee, &c.